

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before paragraph 0001, insert as new paragraph:

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a National Stage entry of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/011080, filed August 3, 2004, the entire specification claims and drawings of which are incorporated herewith by reference. –

**Please amend the second paragraph on page 1 bridging page 2 as follows:**

In recent years, there have been demands for efforts to reduce circumferential backlash of constant velocity joints which is caused by the chattering of the power transmitting system such as noise and vibration. Heretofore, attempts have been made to reduce backlash between the inner ring and the shaft with a constant velocity joint having shaft serrations tilted at a torsional angle. Depending on the direction of the torsional angle and the direction of the torque load, the mechanical strength and service life of the inner ring and the shaft are likely to vary from product to product.